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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This document is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2002 (Paper No. 7) in the above-referenced patent application. Please amend the application as follows:

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims ~~2~~, 43-45, and 49-64 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 3-12, 17, 18, 19, 20-28, 29, 32 and 34 as follows: